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In re application of

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METHOD FOR KEEPING THE QUALITY
OF AQUEOUS PARENTERAL SOLUTION
OF THROMBOMODULIN IN STORAGE
AND DISTRIBUTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of September 21, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 117, line 24, and continuing through the end of page 118, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The determination of the activity of thrombomodulin of an aqueous preparation is performed by observing the function of the preparation for accelerating the activation of protein C by thrombin (APC assay). Thus, 5 μ l of a sample solution, which was prepared suitable from an aqueous injection preparation containing a soluble thrombomodulin so that the thrombomodulin was contained therein, by an adequate dilution, in an amount in the range from 0.35 to 1.4 ng, are added to 37.5 μ l of a 50 mM

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